

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJMEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 30, 1994  
SUBJECT: ACTUAL 88, 56A CAR, 46TH FLOOR  
  
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An actual 88 occurred in an elevator in "A" Tower at 10:24 a.m., Wednesday, March 30, 1994.

Car 56A was out of service for maintenance on the 46th floor. The source of the fire was rubbish inside the service panel in the elevator. The source of ignition was sparks from a grinding operation around the panel.

The first alarm was an odor of smoke on the 60th floor at 10:10 a.m. At 10:24 a.m., an actual 88 was announced for the 46th floor, "A" Tower. Smoke detectors were activated on the 46th floor for freight elevator and passenger elevator No. 17 and No. 49, and on the 44th floor freight elevator No. 50. A second alarm was transmitted at 10:29 a.m.

After arrival of the FDNY, smoke purge on floors 44 through 48 was ordered by Deputy Chief Myers at 10:30 a.m. The FDNY extinguished the fire with dry chemical extinguishers. Note that the extinguisher at the work site was empty. The condition was secured by 11:22 a.m.

We will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

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